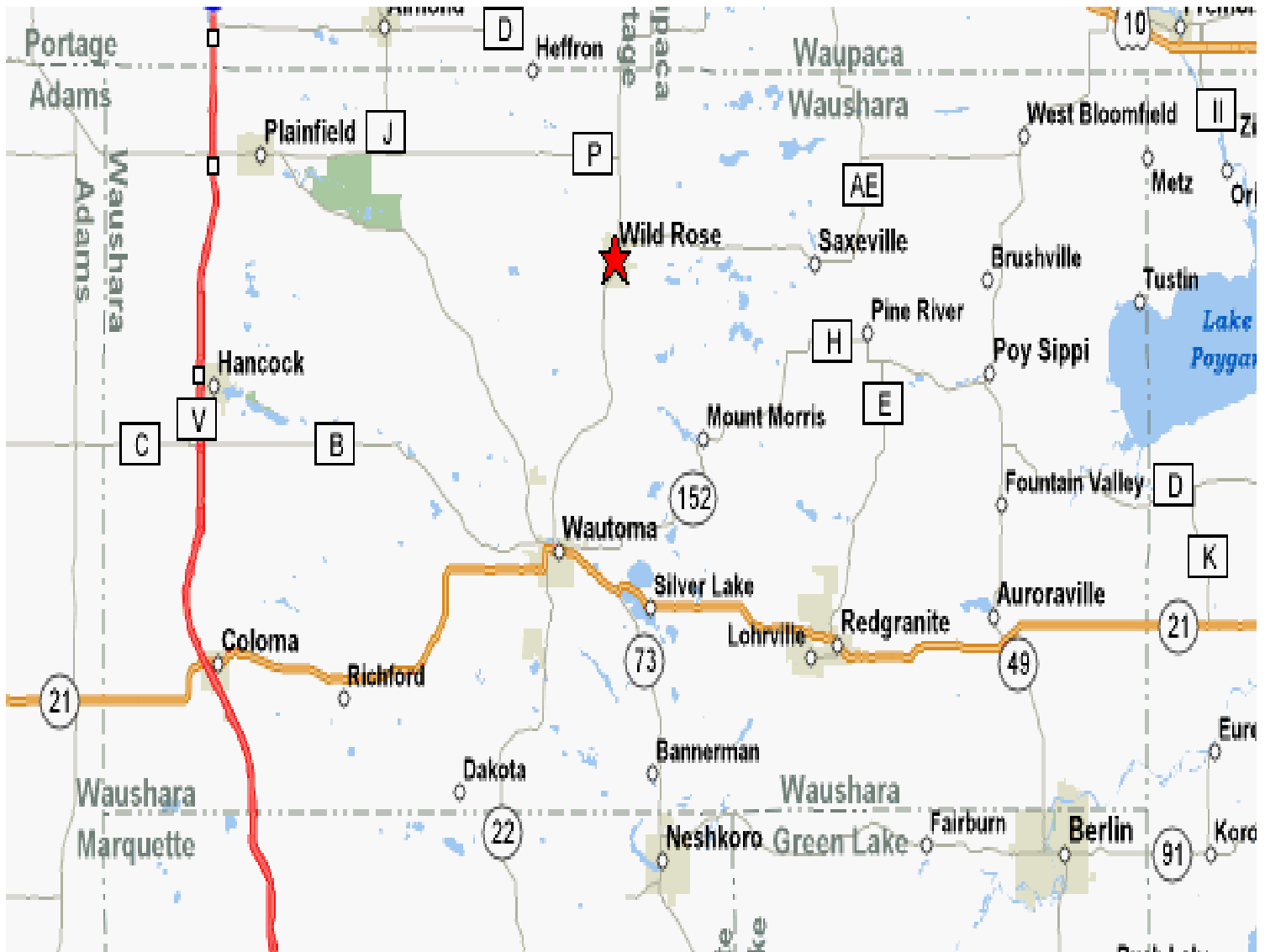


# WAUSHARA COUNTY TORNADO GUIDE

(1950-2015)



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EVENT	DATE			TIME		F / EF	WIDTH	PATH
#	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	(LST)	DIRECTION / LOCATION	RANK	(YARDS)	(MILES)
1	4	15	1954	1500	2 NE Neshkoro - Redgranite	2	30	6.0
2	4	3	1956	1345-1353	Berlin - Rural Winnebago County	4	440	11.5
3	4	19	1957	1600-1615	3 W Wautoma - 2 NW West Bloomfield	2	50	22.8
4	7	10	1966	2200	Plainfield - Wautoma	1	100	15.5
5	5	18	1971	1640-1704	Adams-Friendship - Hancock	1	100	15.0
6	7	4	1985	1703-1717	1 N Redgranite - 1 SW Pine River	0	50	5.0
7	8	12	1985	1930-1945	1 N Richford	0	100	0.5
8	5	8	1988	1706-1712	2 SE Wautoma - 1 S Mount Morris	1	100	5.0
9	9	19	1988	1605	1 E Plainfield	0	25	0.1
10	8	29	1992	1910-1955	1 N Wautoma - 3 SE Poysippi	3	800	28.0
11	10	8	1992	1648	5 NE Wild Rose	1	400	1.0
12	6	8	1993	1838-1855	2.5 S Spring Lake - 2 W Auroraville	0	25	8.0
13	6	8	1993	1915-1935	0.5 E Dakota - 2 S Redgranite	0	35	12.0
14	6	8	1993	1935-1945	5 SE Redgranite - 3 SE Auroraville	0	25	6.0
15	8	27	1994	2107	Hancock	1	75	1.5
16	7	16	1997	1641-1642	Hancock	0	10	0.1
17	6	16	1998	1500	3 WNW Coloma	0	20	0.1
18	6	4	2005	1354	1 E - 1.1 ENE Auroraville	0	75	0.2
19	6	4	2005	1405	2 NW Borth	0	50	0.1
20	8	18	2005	1732-1736	6 WSW - 3.7 SW Wautoma	0	80	2.0
21	4	10	2011	1735-1742	2 NW Coloma – 4 ESE Hancock	1	140	7.9
22	4	10	2011	1806-1843	1 SW Saxeville – 1 SE Hortonville	1	200	27.6
23	4	10	2011	1853-1904	0.3 N Poy Sippi – 2.3 WSW Winchester	1	150	14.9

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## **Event 1: April 15, 1954**

The F/EF-2 tornado struck around 3 pm CST two miles northeast of Neshkoro in Waushara County. The tornado travelled approximately six miles and reached a maximum width of 30 yards before dissipating at Redgranite. Widespread damage was reported at Redgranite, Lohrville and Spring Lake. Numerous small buildings and trees were damaged. The greatest single property damage occurred at the St. Marks Catholic Church in Redgranite. The frame structure was badly shaken by the storm, resulting in jammed doors and dislodged staircases and shattered walls. In the Spring Lake-Lohrville area, the greatest damage was in the town of Marion where a large barn was leveled. The wind scattered the tin roof for hundreds of yards in several directions.

## **Event 2: April 3, 1956**

Unseasonably warm air ahead of a strong cold front triggered showers and thunderstorms across the state. The F/EF-4 tornado developed near Berlin in Green Lake County around 1:45 pm CST and travelled 11.5 miles across rural areas of southeast Waushara County near the town of Aurora; then dissipated around 1:53 pm CST two miles west of Omro in Winnebago County. The tornado was 440 yards wide. Berlin was hit the hardest with six killed and 50 injured. Severe storms killed eight people across the state on this day.

## **Event 3: April 19, 1957**

The F/EF-2 tornado developed 3 miles west of Wautoma in Waushara County around 4 pm CST. The tornado travelled nearly 23 miles and reached a maximum width of 50 yards before dissipating two miles northwest of West Bloomfield around 4:15 pm CST. No fatalities were reported at a farm house that was leveled in rural Wild Rose. The farm of Reuben Anderson, Route 2 Wild Rose was the principal destruction point in Waushara County. The tornado destroyed a 34 by 56 foot barn, a 10 by 30 foot wood silo, a chicken coop, a milk house and wood shed.

## **Event 4: July 10, 1966**

The F/EF-1 tornado was first reported to touch down in Plainfield in Waushara County around 10 pm CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and travelled approximately fifteen and a half miles before dissipating at Wautoma.

## **Event 5: May 18, 1971**

The F/EF-1 tornado was first sighted northeast of Adams and Friendship in Adams County around 4:40 pm CST. The tornado travelled 15 miles as it moved across Highway 21 and then to Hancock in western Waushara County before dissipating around 5:04 pm CST. The tornado reached a maximum width of 100 yards. After crossing Highway 21, the tornado destroyed two house trailers injuring five people and smashed a barn. In Hancock, a large metal warehouse was severely damaged with sheet metal scattered a half mile downwind.

## **Event 6: July 4, 1985:**

The F/EF-0 tornado touched down one mile north of Redgranite in Waushara County around 5:03 pm CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and skipped along for 5 miles before dissipating one mile southwest of Pine River around 5:17 pm CST. The tornado damaged a house one mile southwest of Pine River. The storm also produced hail up to three and a half inches in the Richford and Hancock areas. The large hail dented 47 new cars at a dealership in Coloma.

## **Event 7: August 12, 1985**

The F/EF-0 tornado touched down one mile north of Richford in Waushara County around 7:30 pm CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide and travelled a half mile before dissipating. The tornado flattened 2 barns, damaged 5 homes and leveled many trees. Several sheds in Richford were destroyed and extensive window and roof damaged occurred.

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## **Event 8: May 8, 1988**

In Waushara County, the F/EF-1 tornado travelled 5 miles from one mile south of Mount Morris to 3 miles northeast of Wild Rose between 5:06 and 5:12 pm CST. The tornado was 100 yards wide. Damage to structures and trees were reported along Silver Lake.

## **Event 9: September 19, 1988**

A brief tornado (F/EF-0) developed one mile east of Plainfield in Waushara County at 4:05 pm CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and only travelled a tenth of a mile. Little damage noted in the monthly storm report.

## **Event 10: August 29, 1992**

The F/EF-3 tornado touched down east of Big Flats in Adams County around 7 pm CST. The tornado skipped along a five mile path, toppling trees and downing a 24 by 30 foot building. The killer tornado travelled a 28 mile path across Adams and Waushara Counties. The tornado was noted north of Coloma 710 pm just CST. The tornado then moved to Wautoma to just north of Redgranite and then to three miles southeast of Poy Sippi before dissipating around 7:55 pm CST. The hardest hit area was just south of Wautoma where a woman was killed when her mobile home was hurled several hundred feet into a parking lot. In addition, 30 people were injured, several critically. The tornado caused over ten million dollars in damage. All together, forty-eight homes were destroyed and ninety-five other structures sustained major damage, 289 received minor damage. 950 acres of trees were toppled by the tornadic winds.

## **Event 11: October 8, 1992**

The F/EF-1 tornado touched down in the Gilbert Lakes area about 5 miles northeast of Wild Rose in Waushara County around 4:48 pm CST. The tornado was 400 yards wide and was on the ground for a mile. Fifteen homes and buildings were damaged. 500 oak and pine trees were also damaged.

## **Event 12: June 8, 1993**

Three weak tornadoes touched down across Waushara County on the evening of June 8<sup>th</sup>. The F/EF-0 tornado developed two and a half miles south of Spring Lake around 6:38 pm CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and travelled 8 miles before dissipating around 6:55 pm CST two miles west of Auroraville. Only minor damage was noted.

## **Event 13: June 8, 1993**

Three weak tornadoes touched down across Waushara County on the evening of June 8<sup>th</sup>. The F/EF-0 tornado developed a half mile east of Dakota around 7:15 pm CST. The tornado was 35 yards wide and travelled 12 miles before dissipating around 7:35 pm CST two miles south of Redgranite. Only minor damage was noted.

## **Event 14: June 8, 1993**

Three weak tornadoes touched down across Waushara County on the evening of June 8<sup>th</sup>. The F/EF-0 tornado touched down 5 miles southeast of Redgranite around 7:35 pm CST. The tornado was 25 yards wide and travelled 6 miles before dissipating at 7:45 pm three miles southeast of Auroraville. Only minor damage was noted.

## **Event 15: August 27, 1994**

The F/EF-1 tornado formed in Hancock in Waushara County around 9:07 pm CST. The tornado was 75 yards wide and was on the ground for a mile and a half.

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## **Event 16: July 16, 1997**

The F/EF-0 tornado touched down in Hancock in Waushara County at 4:41 pm CST. The tornado was 10 yards wide and travelled a tenth of a mile before dissipating at 4:42 pm CST. The tornado touched down in an open field in Hancock.

## **Event 17: June 16, 1998**

The F/EF-0 was designated a landspout in the monthly storm report. The tornado touched down 3 miles west northwest of Coloma in Waushara County at 3 pm CST. The tornado was 20 yards wide and was on the ground for a tenth of a mile. No damage was reported.

## **Event 18: June 4, 2005**

The F/EF-0 touched down one mile east of Auroraville in Waushara County at 1:54 pm CST. The tornado was 75 yards wide and was on the ground for two tenths of a mile. No significant damage was noted from this tornado.

## **Event 19: June 4, 2005**

The F/EF-0 touched down 2 miles northwest of Borth in Waushara County at 2:05 pm CST. The tornado was 50 yards wide and was on the ground for a tenth of a mile. No significant damage was noted from this tornado.

## **Event 20: August 18, 2005**

The F/EF-0 tornado touched down 6 miles west southwest of Wautoma in Waushara County at 5:32 pm CST. The tornado was 80 yards wide and was on the ground for two miles before dissipating 3.7 miles south of Wautoma at 5:36 pm CST. The tornado snapped off or uprooted many trees and caused damage to a few buildings and some farm equipment. A tree fell onto a large pole building, causing major damage to one of its sides. A porch at a residence was destroyed by a fallen tree limb; while a portion of the metal roof of a barn was torn from it and thrown about 200 feet. An irrigation system was also damaged.

## **Event 21: April 10, 2011**

The F/EF-1 tornado developed at approximately 6:06 pm CST one mile southwest of Saxeville in Waushara County and moved east-northeast across east-central Wisconsin. Numerous pine trees were snapped or uprooted near the initial point of contact. As the tornado moved into West Bloomfield, several farm buildings were heavily damaged, including a barn that collapsed. The tornado had an average width of 100 yards, but it was not on the ground continuously. The tornado entered Waupaca County at 6:20 pm CST southwest of Fremont. Several farm buildings were impacted by the tornado in addition to many trees. Near Readfield, a barn was lifted and rolled off its foundation. A poorly anchored house roof, which overhung the house walls was completely removed with the debris strewn nearly a quarter of a mile to the northeast. The average width of the tornado was 100 yards. The tornado moved into Outagamie County at 6:32 pm CST. The tornado, which was not on the ground the entire time, damaged a couple of farm buildings just south of Hortonville before it dissipated. One of the buildings lost part of its roof. The average width was 100 yards.

## **Event 22: April 10, 2011**

The F/EF-2 tornado developed 3.5 miles southeast of Argonne and moved northeast across Forest County. The tornado uprooted and snapped hundreds of trees, some of which fell on vacation cabins along the path of the tornado. The hardest hit area was several miles east Argonne shortly after the tornado developed. A large part of the roof of a house was removed. The tornado continued northeast in Florence County 6:46 pm CST. The average width of the tornado was 250 yards in Forest County. In Florence County, several large tree branches were broken before the tornado dissipated. The average path width of the tornado in Florence County was 75 yards.

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Event 23: April 10, 2011

The F/EF-1 tornado developed 0.3 miles northwest of Poy Sippi, then moved east-northeast over the north shore of Lake Poygan. The tornado then entered Winnebago County at 7:04 pm CST. In Waushara County, the tornado damaged a house and destroyed a barn in the Poy Sippi area. Another barn was flattened near the north shore of Lake Poygan. Many pine trees were uprooted or snapped along the path of the storm. The average path width in Waushara County was 100 yards. In Winnebago County, the tornado moved along the north shore of Lake Poygan, causing most of the damage near Boom Bay on the northeast shore of Lake Poygan. Two homes were heavily damaged as portions of their roofs were partially ripped off. Several other houses sustained lesser damage in this area. In addition, two small mobile homes were rolled on their side and many trees were uprooted or snapped. The tornado dissipated about 2 miles west of Winchester, although damage occurred east and southeast of this location from straight-line thunderstorm winds. The average path width in Winnebago County was 100 yards.

